

Judge Rules in Favor of ATC, Reinstates Suspensions of French Quarter Strip Clubs

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Baton Rouge, La. – Today, an Orleans Parish judge ruled in favor of the Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC), reinstating the suspensions of three French Quarter strip clubs. The ruling restores ATC Commissioner Troy Hebert's original order calling for the businesses to stop selling alcohol and tobacco immediately.

After a hearing today involving all parties, Orleans Parish District Judge Paula Brown ruled that ATC satisfied all legal requirements of emergency suspensions of Centerfolds Fais Deaux Deaux, Lipstixx/Fais Deaux Deaux, and The Mansion on Bourbon. Furthermore, Judge Brown ruled that the businesses' due process rights were not violated and refused to grant an injunction to the businesses.

"ATC is very pleased with the court's decision. It sends a strong, positive message that we are committed in our efforts to clean up crime in the French Quarter," said ATC Commissioner Troy Hebert.

Commissioner Hebert originally ordered an emergency suspension of the businesses' alcohol and tobacco permits on October 27, 2015, following a month-long undercover operation that revealed prostitution and drug activity at the clubs.

An administrative hearing is scheduled for these businesses on Monday, November 9, 2015. in New Orleans.

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